

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 7, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. EVANS submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Mason and others, heirs of Jeremiah Gilman, having had the same under consideration, submit the following report :*

It may be assumed that the facts set out in the petition are true ; that Colonel Gilman served in the army of the revolution with distinction, and that he was a meritorious officer, and was compelled, by inability for active field duty, to resign ; yet this case does not come within any of the resolutions or acts of Congress in relation to the officers of the continental army. He resigned in March, 1780, which was before the passage of the resolution by which half-pay was promised to the officers who served to the end of the war. Whilst your committee think that Congress should fully perform all the promises made to the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary army, they do not feel that there would be any propriety in paying to the grandchildren of an officer, who resigned three years before the end of the war, the same as to those who bore the privations and hazards of the campaign of 1780 and 1781, by which mainly the independence of the colonies was achieved. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be refused.

